



Parish church & school of

SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Monday – Friday: 7:30 AM
Holy Days: As announced in the
preceding Sunday Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday afternoon: 3:15 – 4:00 PM
or Anytime by appointment

ROSARY and MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Wednesday: 7:00 PM - Chapel

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

www.saintchristophersschool.org

PARISH & SCHOOL ACCOUNTANT

Dianne Rumsey

BAPTISMS / PRE-BAPTISM PROGRAM

By app't. w/Deacon Bill Gilles 633-8997

MARRIAGES

Please contact Parish Priest at least six
months in advance at 860-568-5240

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**Second Sunday
of Lent
February 28, 2010**

*“The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?”*

– Psalm 27:1

*Mass for the
Intentions for the
Week*

Saturday, February 27 – 4:30 p.m.

Marcel Girard

(Fr. Curran & The People of St. Christopher’s)

Sunday, February 28 – 8:00 a.m.

Hazel Forte - 1st Anniversary (Family)

Sunday, February 28 – 10:30 a.m.

**Marilyn Egazarian - 1st Anniversary
(Husband Harry)**

Monday, March 1 – 7:30 a.m.

Sister M. JoAnn Lewko

Tuesday, March 2 – 7:30 a.m.

**Marilyn Egazarian
(Husband Harry)**

Wednesday, March 3 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. Leo J. Daily

Thursday, March 4 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. Martin J. Scholsky

Saturday, March 6 – 4:30 p.m.

**Joseph & Eva Bergeron
(Daughter Irene Crowley)**

Sunday, March 7 – 8:00 a.m.

**Joseph Leonardo
(Mom, Dad & Daughters)**

Sunday, March 7 – 10:30 a.m.

**Ann & Donald Sheldon
(Family)**

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (February 21): \$ 7,127
Same Sunday in 2009: \$ 6,392

Your generosity to our parish is appreciated.
Many thanks for all you do to help our parish!

with Gratitude,
Fr. Curran

**REMEMBERING
ST. CHRISTOPHER’S PARISH**

Please consider remembering St. Christopher Church by making a tax deductible donation or including us in your will.

Benefits:

- Provide a spiritual legacy
- Provide a tax deduction
- Avoid Capital Gains Tax

Your contribution will enable St. Christopher’s to continue to bring Christ to our parish family!



Please pray for:

John Connors

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The lamps beside our tabernacles remind us of the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



The candle in the church burns this week

**In Loving Memory of
Donald J. Forte - 10th Anniversary
(Wife Janette Forte)**

The candle in the chapel burns this week for

**Christian Women Around the World
In Recognition of World Day of Prayer**

For information on scheduling a weekly dedication, please call the Parish Office at 568-5240.

The Season of Lent

“**Soup and Stations**”...a sharing of simple soup and bread (with conversation and sharing with fellow parishioners) at 5:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross beginning at 6:30 p.m.. This will take place on the following Wednesday evenings during the season: February 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24. Children from our parish school and religious education program will lead us once again in the Stations.



So...dig out your favorite soup recipes and mark your calendars to keep Wednesday evenings free. "Be church" with us and get to know the people in your church family. **Volunteers will be needed to prepare soup and/or bread for each Wednesday.** If you are interested in helping out, please call the parish office at 568-5240 and indicate on which date you are willing to help and whether you will be providing soup or bread. Soup and bread are all we will need. No desserts please.

Way of the Cross booklets will be available on the long tables at the main entrance to the church during the Lenten season for our parishioners who wish to reflect on the Stations of the Cross in our church at a time more convenient to them. We do ask that these booklets remain in the church. Thank you.

Daily Mass...will be celebrated Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. This is a great way to draw closer to our Eucharistic Lord. Come, join us!



Living Stations...Mark your calendars to attend the Living Stations to be held on Good Friday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. Touching scenes, meaningful music..this is such a beautiful way to round out your Lenten devotions.

If you would like to participate in this moving event, please contact Phil Gosselin at 860-568-5001 or Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229.

ST. CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB

Monthly Meeting

The March meeting has been changed to **March 8** at **12 noon** because of a primary being held in the hall the previous week.

Join us for our delicious corned beef or turkey sandwiches and dessert. Lively Irish musical entertainment will be provided by the O'trajuis Brothers! This should be a fun day. There is no charge for paid Social Club members. The public is cordially invited to join us. The charge is \$5 for non-members — reservations required for non-members only. If you have any questions about the club, or wish information about joining, please call Frank or Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229 or Nedra Gallo at 860-432-1793.



Lunch and Play

Join fellow club members on **Saturday, April 10th** for this fun-filled day. We will carpool to Sturbridge for **lunch at the Publick House at 12 noon**, then we will attend the very funny play “**Mechuginah – Nuns**” at the **Stageloft Theater at 2:00 p.m.**



The plot: We find the nuns on an ocean cruise, looking forward to enjoying a production of “Fiddler on the Roof.” Everyone in the cast becomes seasick except Tevye, so the nuns take over all of the other roles. Hilarity follows.

Cost \$35. For reservations/details, call Joan Perrone 860-568-6229. Tickets are limited. **Reservation deadline is March 8th.**



The Church teaches us that we all have rights and responsibilities in our society. The way of Jesus is to show compassion to a brother or sister who is in need and support them. Our responsibility to show compassion and love makes a difference in transforming lives through CRS programs that allow people to receive such a basic right as water.



DON'T BOTHER COOKING

Join Us at McDonald's Night

Please join us on Wed., March 3 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the McDonald's on Main Street in Glastonbury to benefit our parish school. The school receives between 10 and 20% of the proceeds depending on the turn-out. You don't even need to come inside, the drive thru business counts towards our total earnings for the evening. Call the school office at 568-4100 for more information. Thank you for your support. Together we make a difference!

GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Volunteers from our parish school resume selling gift cards every weekend, after every Mass beginning this weekend. If you are unfamiliar with this program and want to learn more about how easy it is to help our parish school, please see one of our volunteers after Mass next weekend. You may also contact our school office at 568-4100 or Tracy Martinez at tcmart@comcast.net with any questions. Your support of our parish school is greatly appreciated!



DIVINE MERCY MISSION

Knights of Columbus E.G. Rosenberger Council 5779 invites you to join them at the Divine Mercy Mission at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 673 Ellington Road, South Windsor, starting Saturday, March 13 through Wednesday, March 17. Mission presenter is Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, a familiar face to viewers of EWTN and Director of the Association of Marian Helpers.

For more information, you may contact Mike Cianciolo at 860-644-3512, see the flyer posted on the bulletin boards in the side entrances of our church or visit www.stfrancisofassisisw.org and click on the Bulletin link.

There will be an evening service on Sunday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. consisting of Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction, and the mission talk which was presented at the weekend Masses.

ST. CHRISOTPHER SCHOOL'S ANNUAL AUCTION

Party at the Mardi...Gras!

Saturday ~ March 27



Our parish school is hosting a wonderful adult-only event that is packed with loads of fun. Admission is only \$25 per person or \$45 per couple and includes delicious food and open bar (beer, soda and wine). A silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m. in the school with a live auction to follow. Come party with Gina J from 96.5 TIC! Gina J is the host of the *At Work Mix* on weekdays, 10am - 3pm. Tickets can be purchased by calling the school office at 860-568-4100 or Bridget Messier-Cooke at 860-202-3692. ***Purchase your tickets now and your name will be entered into a drawing to win \$1,000 in cash!*** (Drawing will be the night of the auction. *Must be present to win.*)



SUPPORT ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL'S ANNUAL AUCTION

Support our parish school's Annual Auction with a ***donation of new items***, a ***service*** or place a ***business or personal advertisement***.

Are you a handyman, tutor, musician, babysitter or have some other skill or talent that you would be willing to donate a few hours of your time to be auctioned off to the highest bidder?

Support the auction by placing a business or personal advertisement. A personal ad can celebrate a special birthday, anniversary, promotion, etc. All ads will be printed in the auction catalog. Advertisements are available in the following sizes and costs:

- Silver Sponsor** - \$50 Half page ad
- Gold Sponsor** - \$100 Full Page ad
- Platinum Sponsor** - \$200 Full page ad plus Sign in Lobby night of the auction

Please contact Bridget 860.202.3692 to discuss your donation. A donor receipt will be provided.

CATHOLIC BOOK STORE



The Catholic Book Store will be arriving on the weekend of Mar. 6 & 7. There will be spiritual books (on every topic), religious gifts for all occasions, crucifixes, Rosaries, medals, CD's and DVD's, children's books and seasonal items. Don't miss this opportunity!!

Bring this ad to the Bookmobile and receive a 20% discount on any item of your choice.

GOD SUPPORTS THE CALLED

Many years ago, a mother wanted to encourage her young son in learning the piano. She took him to a concert featuring the renowned Paderewski. Once seated, the mother spotted a friend and went to greet her. The little boy wandered away from his seat, and pushed open a door labeled "No Admittance." The house lights dimmed as the mother discovered her son was missing. Suddenly the stage curtains parted and there he was, sitting at the Steinway grand, picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." Paderewski made his entrance, moved to the piano and whispered, "Don't stop. Keep playing!" The great pianist began a bass part with his left hand and a running obbligato with his right. Together, the old master and the novice transformed the situation into a wonderful, mesmerizing experience. That is the way it is with God. We try our best, but we accomplish little on our own. Yet, with the hand of the Master, our life's work truly can be beautiful. When you commit to the life of a disciple, listen carefully to the voice of the Master whispering "Don't stop. Keep playing." Feel God's loving arms around you as God's strong hands play the concerto of your life. Copyright © 2009, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

PRAYER LINE

Our Prayer Line is available to receive your prayer requests! All prayer requests are handled with care and in a confidential manner. Requests may be called in or sent by e-mail to our Prayer Tree coordinator, Bev Connors: 860-432-1530 or bcrc3@hotmail.com.



ALL ABOUT CHANGE

On this Second Sunday of Lent the scriptures remind us that when we have an encounter with our God, things are bound to change. In the first reading God tells Abram to raise his eyes to the sky, promising descendants as numerous as the stars. Abram's act of faith in the Lord is sealed in covenant, forever changing the course of salvation history. In the Gospel story of the Transfiguration, always proclaimed on this Lenten Sunday, the Lord Jesus changes in appearance before the eyes of the apostles who, like Abram, raise their eyes to the spectacle in the sky. It is Saint Paul who brings it all together for us: "He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (Philippians 3:21). Lent is all about change, all about conversion. Let us cast our own eyes to heaven, awaiting that day when we will be changed—when we will share in Christ's glory.

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40 Gifts in 40 Days!

Give away 40 gifts in 40 days. Why?... Because to see your world change, you have to do something to change your world. Plus, the best way to **attract abundance into your life** is to be in a perpetual state of giving and gratitude.

If you are not familiar with this year's Lenten theme, *40 Gifts in 40 Days!*, we invite you to take an information sheet that can be found at all entrances to the church.

MERCY AND XAVIER HIGH SCHOOLS PRESENT...

Guys and Dolls

Friday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Mercy High School Auditorium
 1740 Randolph Road ~ Middletown
 Admission: \$10.00

For more information visit www.mercyhigh.com